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Annual Collection of Information

Related to the Collection and Use of 911 and E911 Fees by States and Other Jurisdictions

Pursuant to OMB authorization 3060-1122 , the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau seeks the following specific information in order to fulfill the Commission's obligations under Section 6(f)(2) of the NET 911 Act:

**A. Filing Information**

**1. Name of State or Jurisdiction**

State or Jurisdiction
Ohio

**2. Name, Title and Organization of Individual Filing Report**

Name	Title	Organization
Rob Jackson	Ohio 9-1-1 Administrator	Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office



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**B. Overview of State or Jurisdiction 911 System**

1. Please provide the total number of active Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in your state or jurisdiction that receive funding derived from the collection of 911/E911 fees during the annual period ending December 31, 2016:

PSAP Type <sup>1</sup>	Total
Primary	155
Secondary	75.5
<b>Total</b>	230.5

- **Counties reported partially funded PSAPs as “.5”**

2. Please provide the total number of active telecommunicators<sup>2</sup> in your state or jurisdiction that were funded through the collection of 911 and E911 fees during the annual period ending December 31, 2016:

Number of Active Telecommunicators	Total
Full-Time	1044.5
Part-time	146.2

- **Counties reported partially funded telecommunicators as decimals**

3. For the annual period ending December 31, 2016, please provide an estimate of the total cost to provide 911/E911 service in your state or jurisdiction.

<b>Amount</b> <b>(\$)</b>	\$165,937,071.75*
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<sup>1</sup> A Primary PSAP is one to which 911 calls are routed directly from the 911 Control office. A secondary PSAP is one to which 911 calls are transferred from a Primary PSAP. See National Emergency Number Association, Master Glossary of 9-1-1 Terminology (*Master Glossary*), July 29, 2014, at 118, 126, available at [https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nena.org/resource/resmgr/Standards/NENA-ADM-000.18-2014\\_2014072.pdf](https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nena.org/resource/resmgr/Standards/NENA-ADM-000.18-2014_2014072.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> A telecommunicator, also known as a call taker or a dispatcher, is a person employed by a PSAP who is qualified to answer incoming emergency telephone calls and/or who provides for the appropriate emergency response either directly or through communication with the appropriate PSAP. See *Master Glossary* at 137.



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3a. If an amount cannot be provided, please explain why.

**\*Estimates from previous year's information or similar counties for counties that did not respond to the survey.**

4. Please provide the total number of 911 calls your state or jurisdiction received during the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Type of Service	Total 911 Calls
Wireline	939,855
Wireless	5,989,116
VoIP	345,008
Other	579,178
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,853,157</b>

C. Description of Authority Enabling Establishment of 911/E911 Funding Mechanisms

1. Has your State, or any political subdivision, Indian tribe, village or regional corporation therein as defined by Section 6(f)(1) of the NET 911 Act, established a funding mechanism designated for or imposed for the purposes of 911 or E911 support or implementation (please include a citation to the legal authority for such mechanism)? *Check one.*

- Yes ..... X ☐
- No ..... ☐

1a. If YES, provide a citation to the legal authority for such a mechanism.

Ohio Revised Code Chapter 128



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**1b. If YES, during the annual period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, did your state or jurisdiction amend, enlarge, or in any way alter the funding mechanism.**

No

**2. Which of the following best describes the type of authority arrangement for the collection of 911/E911 fees? Check one.**

- The State collects the fees ..... ☐
- A Local Authority collects the fees ..... ☐
- A hybrid approach where two or more governing bodies  
(e.g., state and local authority) collect the fees ..... X ☐

**3. Describe how the funds collected are made available to localities.**

The state has a wireless fee of 25 cents a month and a pre-paid wireless of .05%. These funds are split as follows: 1% to Dept. of Taxation to administer funds, 2% to Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office, 97% to Counties (Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund) as determined by previous formula developed by the PUCO – counties receive same amount each year as they did in 2013 from the PUCO administered fund.

Counties have the ability to collect 9-1-1 funds through sales tax, property tax, etc. passed at the local level.



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**D. Description of State or Jurisdictional Authority That Determines How 911/E911 Fees are Spent**

<b>1. Indicate which entities in your state have the authority to approve the expenditure of funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes.</b>		
Jurisdiction	Authority to Approve Expenditure of Funds (Check one)	
	Yes	No
State	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local (e.g., county, city, municipality)	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>1b. Please briefly describe any limitations on the approval authority per jurisdiction (e.g., limited to fees collected by the entity, limited to wireline or wireless service, etc.)</b>		
State - Only applies to Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund disbursements. Counties – According to their levies, taxes passed.		

**2. Has your state established a funding mechanism that mandates *how* collected funds can be used? Check one.**

- Yes ..... X ☐
- No ..... ☐

**2a. If you checked YES, provide a legal citation to the funding mechanism of any such criteria.**

Ohio Revised Code Chapter 128

**2b. If you checked NO, describe how your state or jurisdiction decides how collected funds can be used.**

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**E. Description of Uses of Collected 911/E911 Fees**

- 1. Provide a statement identifying with specificity all activities, programs, and organizations for whose benefit your state, or political subdivision thereof, has obligated or expended funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes and how these activities, programs, and organizations support 911 and E911 services or enhancements of such services.**

The Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund can be used for the following:

- Any costs of designing, upgrading, purchasing, leasing, programming, installing, testing or maintaining the necessary data, hardware, software and trunking required for the PSAP or the 9-1-1 system to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 and consist of such additional costs of the 9-1-1 system over and above any costs incurred to provide wireline 9-1-1 or to otherwise provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1.
- Costs of training the staff of the PSAP to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1.
- Personnel costs for PSAP staff
- Central 9-1-1 system equipment.

Each locality has language in their levy or fee describing the allowable uses.



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2. Please identify the allowed uses of the collected funds. <i>Check all that apply.</i>			
Type of Cost		Yes	No
<b>Operating Costs</b>	Lease, purchase, maintenance of customer premises equipment (CPE) (hardware and software)	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of computer aided dispatch (CAD) equipment (hardware and software)	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of building/facility	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	Telecommunicators' Salaries	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Training of Telecommunicators	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	Program Administration	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Travel Expenses	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Dispatch Costs</b>	Reimbursement to other law enforcement entities providing dispatch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of Radio Dispatch Networks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Grant Programs</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> If YES, see 2a.	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2a. During the annual period ending December 31, 2016, describe the grants that your state paid for through the use of collected 911/E911 fees and the purpose of the grant.</b>			
<b>*answered from perspective of state disbursed funds.</b>			



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**F. Description of 911/E911 Fees Collected**

<b>1. Please describe the amount of the fees or charges imposed for the implementation and support of 911 and E911 services. Please distinguish between state and local fees for each service type.</b>		
<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Fee/Charge Imposed</b>	<b>Jurisdiction Receiving Remittance (e.g., state, county, local authority, or a combination)</b>
Wireline		*See attached spreadsheet for local replies
Wireless		*State 25 cents/month
Prepaid Wireless		*State .05%
Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)		N/A
Other		*See attached spreadsheet for local replies

**2. For the annual period ending December 31, 2016, please report the total amount collected pursuant to the assessed fees or charges described in Question F 1.**

<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Total Amount Collected (\$)</b>
Wireline	*See attached spreadsheet for local replies
Wireless	\$25,689,296.16
Prepaid Wireless	Included in Wireless
Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)	N/A
Other	*See attached spreadsheet for local



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	replies
<b>Total</b>	State - 25,689,296.16 Local – See attached spreadsheet

**2a. If an amount cannot be provided, please explain why.**

**3. Please identify any other sources of 911/E911 funding.**

Counties and municipalities use general funds at many locations.

Question	Yes	No
<b>4. For the annual period ending December 31, 2016, were any 911/E911 fees that were collected by your state or jurisdiction combined with any federal, state or local funds, grants, special collections, or general budget appropriations that were designated to support 911/E911/NG911 services? Check one.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4a. If YES, please describe the federal, state or local funds and amounts that were combined with 911/E911 fees.</b>		
Counties and municipalities use general funds at many localities. See attached spreadsheet for local replies.		



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<b>5. Please provide an estimate of the proportional contribution from each funding source towards the total cost to support 911 in your state or jurisdiction.</b>	<b>Percent</b>
State 911 Fees	N/A – Varies by county
Local 911 Fees	N/A – Varies by county
General Fund - State	N/A
General Fund - County	N/A - Varies by county
Federal Grants	N/A – None Offered
State Grants	N/A – Varies by county



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**G. Description of Diversion or Transfer of 911/E911 Fees for Other Uses**

Question	Yes	No
<b>1. In the annual period ending December 31, 2016, were funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes in your state or jurisdiction made available or used solely for the purposes designated by the funding mechanism? <i>Check one.</i></b>	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>1a. If NO, please identify what amount of funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes were made available or used for any purposes other than the ones designated by the funding mechanism or used for purposes otherwise unrelated to 911 or E911 implementation or support, including any funds transferred, loaned, or otherwise used for the state's general fund. Along with identifying the amount, please include a statement identifying the non-related purposes for which the collected 911 or E911 funds were made available or used.</b>		
<b>Amount of Funds (\$)</b>	<b>Identify the non-related purpose(s) for which the 911/E911 funds were used. <i>(Add lines as necessary)</i></b>	



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**H. Oversight and Auditing of Collection and Use of 911/E911 Fees**

Question	Yes	No
<b>1. Has your state established any oversight or auditing mechanisms or procedures to determine whether collected funds have been made available or used for the purposes designated by the funding mechanism or otherwise used to implement or support 911? Check one.</b>	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>1a. If YES, provide a description of the mechanisms or procedures and any enforcement or other corrective actions undertaken in connection with such auditing authority, for the annual period ending December 31, 2016. (Enter "None" if no actions were taken.)</b>		
<p>The Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office implemented the Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund Reconciliation Form and required all counties to complete and submit for 2016. Office staff review for proper expenditures and address counties with non-allowable expense for a correction. Information on any issues needing further addressing will be sent to the State Auditor, but none were found for 2016.</p> <p>Local authorities retain the right to audit their fund collections and use, however the State Auditor completes general audits in all counties also.</p>		

Question	Yes	No
<b>2. Does your state have the authority to audit service providers to ensure that the amount of 911/E911 fees collected from subscribers matches the service provider's number of subscribers? Check one.</b>	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2a. If YES, provide a description of any auditing or enforcement or other corrective actions undertaken in connection with such auditing authority, for the annual period ending December 31, 2016. (Enter "None" if no actions were taken.)</b>		
<p>Ohio Department of Taxation has the authority to address these issues – no known issues have been highlighted for 2016.</p>		



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**I. Description of Next Generation 911 Services and Expenditures**

Question	Yes	No
<b>1. Does your state or jurisdiction classify expenditures on Next Generation 911 as within the scope of permissible expenditures of funds for 911 or E911 purposes? <i>Check one.</i></b>	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>1a. If YES, in the space below, please cite any specific legal authority:</b>		
ORC 128.57 – Allows for equipment, etc. for the 9-1-1 system under the county final plan.		

Question	Yes	No
<b>2. In the annual period ending December 31, 2016, has your state or jurisdiction expended funds on Next Generation 911 programs? <i>Check one.</i></b>	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2a. If YES, in the space below, please enter the dollar amount that has been expended.</b>		
<b>Amount (\$)</b>	Pilot project with two counties underway. Minimal amount for administration of pilot, non-quantifiable.	



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3. For the annual period ending December 31, 2016, please describe the type and number of NG911 Emergency Service IP Network(s) (ESInets) that operated within your state.					
Type of ESInet	Yes	No	If Yes, Enter Total PSAPs Operating on the ESInet	If Yes, does the type of ESInet interconnect with other state, regional or local ESInets?	
				Yes	No
a. A single, state-wide ESInet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Local (e.g., county) ESInet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Regional ESInets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[If more than one Regional ESInet is in operation, in the space below, provide the total PSAPs operating on each ESInet]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Regional ESInet:				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Regional ESInet:				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





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**4. Please provide a description of any NG911 projects completed or underway during the annual period ending December 31, 2016.**

- Ohio NG 9-1-1 ESINet Pilot (2 counties on board)
- Ohio Statewide NG 9-1-1 System RFP planning for 2017.

Question	Total PSAPs Accepting Texts
<b>5. During the annual period ending December 31, 2016, how many PSAPs within your state implemented text-to-911 and are accepting texts?</b>	1 (as reported) – 6 (unofficial count)
Question	Estimated Number of PSAPs that will Become Text Capable
<b>6. In the next annual period ending December 31, 2017, how many PSAPs do you anticipate will become text capable?</b>	Unknown



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**J. Description of Cybersecurity Expenditures**

Question	Check the appropriate box		If Yes, Amount Expended (\$)
<b>1. During the annual period ending December 31, 2016, did your state expend funds on cybersecurity programs for PSAPs?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	

Question	Total PSAPs
<b>2. During the annual period ending December 31, 2016, how many PSAPs in your state either implemented a cybersecurity program or participated in a regional or state-run cybersecurity program?</b>	See attached spreadsheet for local replies

Question	Yes	No	Unknown
<b>3. Does your state or jurisdiction adhere to the National Institute of Standards and Technology <i>Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity</i> (February 2014) for networks supporting one or more PSAPs in your state or jurisdiction?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/>



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**K. Measuring Effective Utilization of 911/E911 Fees**

- 1. Please provide an assessment of the effects achieved from the expenditure of state 911/E911 or NG911 funds, including any criteria your state or jurisdiction uses to measure the effectiveness of the use of 911/E911 fees and charges. If your state conducts annual or other periodic assessments, please provide an electronic copy (*e.g.*, Word, PDF) of the latest such report upon submission of this questionnaire to the FCC or provide links to online versions of such reports in the space below.**

The State of Ohio is a Home Rule state and funding for 9-1-1 has taken on various methods among the counties. The state Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund disbursements are used in accordance with the requirements and restrictions and assist the counties in delivering their overall 9-1-1 service. Consolidation of PSAPs has been achieved to an efficient level in the majority of counties and each locality, as outlined on the attached spreadsheet has developed their own funding methods to achieve their goals. Ohio will take steps in 2017 to move toward NG 9-1-1.

As submitted last year. We have attached a spreadsheet with local replies to the survey questions. For counties that did not respond (6), we supplied previous year's data or similar county data to provide as complete of a picture as possible. The counties that did not respond by the deadline include:

Coshocton

Guernsey

Logan

Preble

Vinton



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